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Reds At Variance

THE current manoeuvres of the Communist parties of Western Europe provide a fascinating study. They follow on the "agonising reappraisal" necessitated by the Khrushchev attack on the memory and reputation of Stalin. That has left deep scars. But the Russian leaders and their Western colleagues seem to have reached agreement on a formula which they hope will serve its purpose. It is contained in a resolution of the British Party which declared that "as the Communist Party of the Soviet Union continues the work of Marxist analysis of all the important questions involved in re-assessing questions involved in the past period... further light will be thrown on some issues which are still not fully clarified." The comrades must content themselves with that.

There are, however, other issues troubling the relations between Russian Communist Party and their Western counterparts. Moscow, it is clear, has decreed that the current strategy must be the intermittently familiar one of the "United Front." There is, once more, to be an attempt to persuade the Socialist Parties to co-operate with the Communists under the slogan of "working-class unity."

THAT in itself presents no difficulties. The West European Communist parties have always been willing to co-operate with Social Democrats—or even with "bourgeois" parties—when that suited the purpose of the Soviet government; equally willing, at a word from Moscow, to attack them as the worst of counter-revolutionaries.

One after another the leaders of the chief Western Communist parties have been called to Moscow for "consultations" on the new line which they were to take. But it is evident from the sequel that they all made one point. If there was to be the slightest chance of success for their attempts to form united fronts, they must appear to be "national" parties, deciding their own policies.

Thus the British, French and Italian parties have begun to lay stress on their national character—probably at the behest, certainly with the consent, of Khrushchev. The unanimity is too complete to be spontaneous. Such disciplined operations have been familiar since the birth of the Communist International and of its member Communist parties. Though the Comintern has disappeared, the discipline remains.

THIS time, however, there is trouble. These declarations of independence may have been arranged, but they have been suspiciously enthusiastic. There are signs that the Western Communists themselves are taking them seriously—even though nobody else may.

One effect is that Moscow has taken alarm, with the result that it has issued a sharp warning to the comrades in unmistakable terms. The paper declares: "One must remember that among people who are insufficiently mature politically and excessively credulous, there may be some who would fall for the spurious talk about national Communism, and for the contention that international links between Communist parties have become superfluous. Only hopeless blunders who cannot see the wood for the trees can possibly forget that, caused by the attack on Stalin.

HK SOCCER TEAMS BAN

SINGAPORE PAPER REPORTS MALAYA ACTION 'IT MAY BE TRUE'

The Football Association of Malaya has barred Hongkong teams from touring the Federation, according to reports in "The Straits Times" today. An official of the Hongkong Football Association said this morning he had heard nothing officially of a ban but there may be some truth in the report.

He said: "The South China and Eastern teams recently applied to the Football Association of Hongkong and Malaya for permission to visit Malaya, but so far we have received no reply from the Football Association of Malaya, so there may be some truth in the rumour. We should be very interested to get confirmation of this ban in writing so that it can be put before the committee for their comments."

The Sports Editor of the Singapore paper claims that the

MACMILLAN SPRINGS A SURPRISE

London, July 24. The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Harold Macmillan, today held a surprise conference at the Treasury on Britain's financial situation with some 30 leading bankers and financiers. The Chancellor was believed to have appealed to the bankers to cut down still further on bank credit.

It was the first time on record that such a meeting had been held at the Treasury. In addition to the heads of Britain's banks, representatives of foreign banks, with branches in Britain, including American banks, were present.—France-Press.

Tattooed Man Wants Protection

Singapore, July 24. A secret society member today asked Singapore detectives for a note to protect him from arrest.

The man, claiming he was now "respectable," said he could not get rid of the symbols tattooed on him when he was a member of the illegal mobs. For three days, he said, he had visited tattoo shops but found gangsters queuing up waiting to get their marks erased.

They were frightened of "Operation Dagger" the Singapore police dragnet whose aim is to stamp out the gangs. Police then raided tattoo shop and arrested ten society suspects.—Reuter.

Ghost Village To Be Restored

Singapore, July 24. The shuttered ghost village of Tras in central Malaya, cleared five years ago when authorities said it helped the murderers of the High Commissioner, Sir Henry Gurney, will soon live again.

The State War Executive today told 200 former villagers of plans to let them go back when the village is again fit for habitation.

More than 800 villagers living in the neighbouring town of Sempalit have asked to go back to their old homes.—Reuter.

Frenchman Shot

Alders, July 24. Rebel gunmen shot and killed a French soldier in the centre of Algiers today in the third French attack in two days in the city.

The soldier was a member of an Army unit passing down a boulevard when gunmen opened up from behind a wall with automatic pistols. They eluded pursuit in a black car.

Yesterday rebels used sub-machineguns to an attack on an Army truck at the gates of the city. They killed two Frenchmen and wounded three.—United Press.

Senate Cuts New Arms Aid To Yugoslavia

Washington, July 24. The Senate today decided that none of the new foreign aid fund just voted could be spent on military aid to Yugoslavia though planes and other arms now in the "pipeline" could go through.

The Senate which today voted \$4,110,000,000 in foreign aid funds, had earlier rejected two attempts by Senator William Knowland, the Republican leader of California, to end all military aid to Yugoslavia.

He then introduced a new amendment which would permit shipments of some \$100 million worth of planes and other arms now in the "pipeline" to Yugoslavia but would deny the use of any of the new money in the present bill for providing arms.

The amendment was approved by 50 to 42 on a roll-call vote. President Eisenhower had sent a personal message to the Senate today urging the rejection of Senator Knowland's earlier amendment.—Reuter.

Russian Aid For Aswan Dam Unlikely

London, July 24. Russia intends to stay out of Egypt's Aswan Dam project if the West does likewise, Soviet diplomats said today.

But Moscow believes the Anglo-American decision not to finance construction was designed to extract political concessions from the Cairo Government to ensure a Western hold on it.

These considerations are believed to be behind the cryptic remarks of the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr. Dmitri Shepilov, that Russia did not consider the Aswan Dam an "acute problem."

The Soviet diplomats made it clear that Russia did not plan to rush into the project and would prefer to keep out of it altogether—"if possible."

They feel it is too gigantic, too costly, and would have to be spread over too long a period. Russia's assistance projects so far have been on a comparatively small scale.—United Press.

Flood Death Toll

Toheran, July 24. About 250 deaths and over \$14,000,000 of damages have resulted from the floods which ravaged the Iranian central plateau for four days, it was reported today.—France-Press.

FORTNIGHT'S FLOOD-LIFT SAVED 2,000 SHEEP And Their Fleece Worth £10,000

A one-man rescue operation has saved 2,000 sheep coated with £10,000 worth of wool from a watery grave.

Carnegie Hall To Be Sold

New York, July 24. It will continue to house the Philharmonic Symphony Society of New York for at least three years under the terms of purchase.

Under the terms Mr. Gluckman agreed that the Society could purchase the property from his corporation at any time within the next four months.—United Press.

A REBUFF STASSEN MAN OPTS FOR NIXON

Washington, July 24. It was announced today that the Governor of Massachusetts, Mr. Christian Herter, would nominate Mr. Richard Nixon as President Eisenhower's running mate.

Yesterday Mr. Harold Stassen, the Presidential adviser on disarmament, announced he would campaign to have Mr. Nixon dropped as Vice Presidential candidate and replaced by Mr. Herter.

The Republican National Chairman, Mr. Leonard Hall, announced that Mr. Herter would nominate Mr. Nixon at the Republican convention in August.

He said Mr. Herter telephoned him this morning that he would consider it a "privilege" to put the Vice-President's name in the nomination.

Mr. Hall added that Mr. Herter met today and Mr. Nixon authorized him to say he was "very pleased" at the development.

'Yes, I Knew'

Mr. Stassen, who touched off a furor in the Republican Party by his move to "dump Nixon" in favour of Mr. Herter, said he knew Mr. Hall asked Mr. Herter a week ago to nominate the Vice-President.

Mr. Stassen said he hoped Mr. Nixon would be equally willing to nominate Mr. Herter if a "reappraisal" of the political situation showed that the Massachusetts Governor would be a "stronger" candidate, as Mr. Stassen claims he would be.

"I understand they have talked to each other along that line," Mr. Stassen told reporters.

Mr. Nixon said he had talked with Mr. Herter by telephone but he knew nothing of any "mutual" agreement as referred to by Mr. Stassen.

He said the conversation was "conducted for the purpose of having (Mr. Herter) nominate me. I said I'd be delighted and honoured if he would be willing to do so."—United Press.

HERTER'S LIFE THREATENED

Boston, July 24. The office of Mr. Christian Herter said today a telephone threat had been made against his life.

An extra state police guard was assigned to the executive suite.

The threat came less than 24 hours after the Presidential aide Mr. Harold Stassen moved to oust Vice-President Richard Nixon as President Eisenhower's running mate in favour of Mr. Herter.—United Press.

Ban H-Bomb Plea By Adenauer

New York, July 24. The West German Chancellor, Dr. Konrad Adenauer, said in an interview published here today that all the powers should strive to abolish nuclear weapons, under controls.

After that, the reduction in conventional weapons considered necessary would follow entirely of itself, he added in the interview with Newsweek magazine.

In the interview he was asked his views on the suggested reduction in Nato forces. He replied: "You must add to this question the concurrent proposal to increase strength in nuclear weapons. This fills me with much concern... if the main weight in future is placed on nuclear weapons, a tremendous danger will be involved—that their use will immediately provoke a world war."

Dr. Adenauer said his Government was preparing a note on German reunification to be sent to the Big Four powers. "Whether this will result in new discussions remains to be seen," he added. "But I believe the question of reunification is so closely connected to that of disarmament that one cannot expect it to be resolved first, but concomitant to disarmament."—Reuter.

Children Left In The Cold

Lusaka, July 24. A territory-wide strike of African bus drivers left hundreds of children stranded on the way to school today on one of the coldest days of the winter.

But within an hour Europeans had turned out to man the buses. The drivers struck over what they felt was the wrongful dismissal of a member of their union.—United Press.

Eden Meets Red MPs

London, July 24. Sir Anthony Eden, the Prime Minister, this afternoon received members of the Soviet Parliamentary delegation.—Reuter.

UNION BID TO SPREAD CAR STRIKE

Birmingham, July 24. Union leaders today ordered dockers, mechanics, lorry drivers, and barges to support a strike of more than 20,000 car workers which threatens to close down the giant British Motor Corporation.

The unions took this step during a day of mounting tension in which strike pickets fought to prevent non-strikers entering the factories and to stop goods leaving. Police intervened several times.

As the strike spread export cars began to pile up at the docks throughout England.

Most dockers at Liverpool, London, Southampton, Bristol and several of the smaller northern ports refused to handle Austin and Morris cars and spare parts from the Corporation's factories.

STANDSTILL PREDICTED

Workers in hundreds of car firms were also ordered by the 950,000-member Amalgamated Engineering Union to stop work on all accessories for the Corporation.

Mr. Bob Openshaw, Union President, said he was confident that all Corporation production lines would be at a standstill by the week's end.

"The strike is strengthening in spite of reports of men drifting in to work," he said. "It will be so complete within a few days that it won't be any use anybody trying to work in any case."

As the strike enveloped parts and allied trades, Sir Anthony Eden's Cabinet received a report on the situation from Mr. Ian Macleod, Labour Minister. Mr. Harold Watkinson, Transport Minister, was also called to the meeting.

WORK THEN STRIKE

The Corporation claimed today that more than 23,000 of its 43,000 workers—1,000 more than yesterday—reported for work at their factories.

London, July 24. Leaders of 15 unions, who called the strike in protest against the dismissal of 6,000 redundant workers disputed the figures. One strike official claimed that hundreds of men

NO INCREASE IN TAXATION

Paris, July 24. The Finance Minister, M. Paul Ramadier, gave in to his critics to save the Government today and agreed to finance the Algerian campaign with a patriotic loan instead of higher income taxes.

Following a Government demand for a confidence vote on part of its programme, M. Ramadier agreed to drop his plans for a second ten per cent increase in income taxes this year.

French commentators and newspapers of all shades had predicted a likely defeat for Premier Guy Mollet's Cabinet if the Socialist veterans continued to insist on higher income tax.—United Press.

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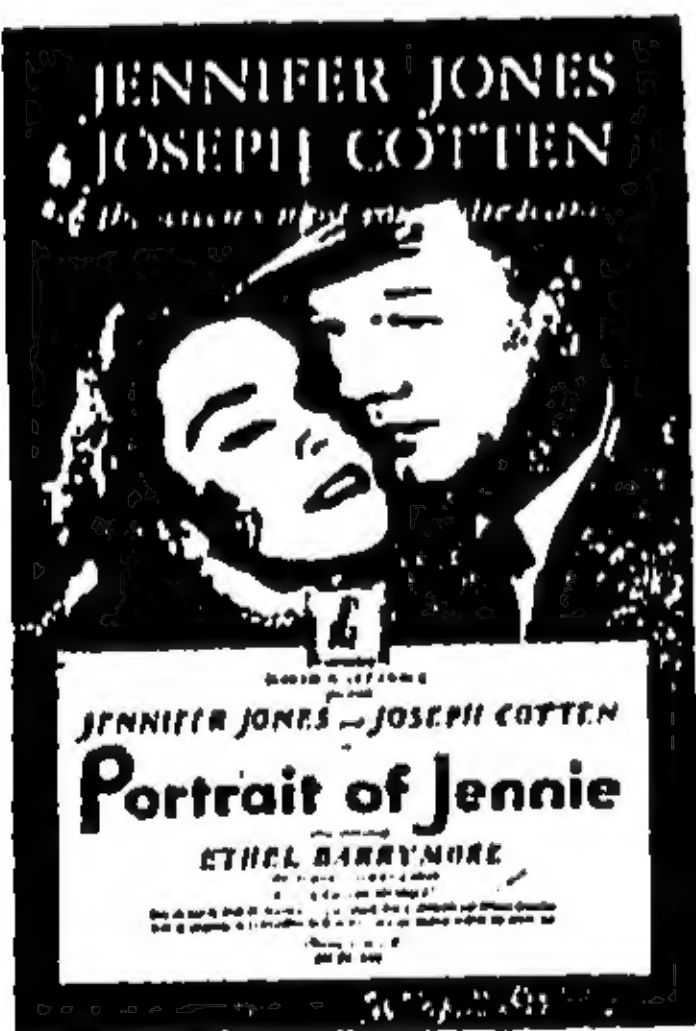


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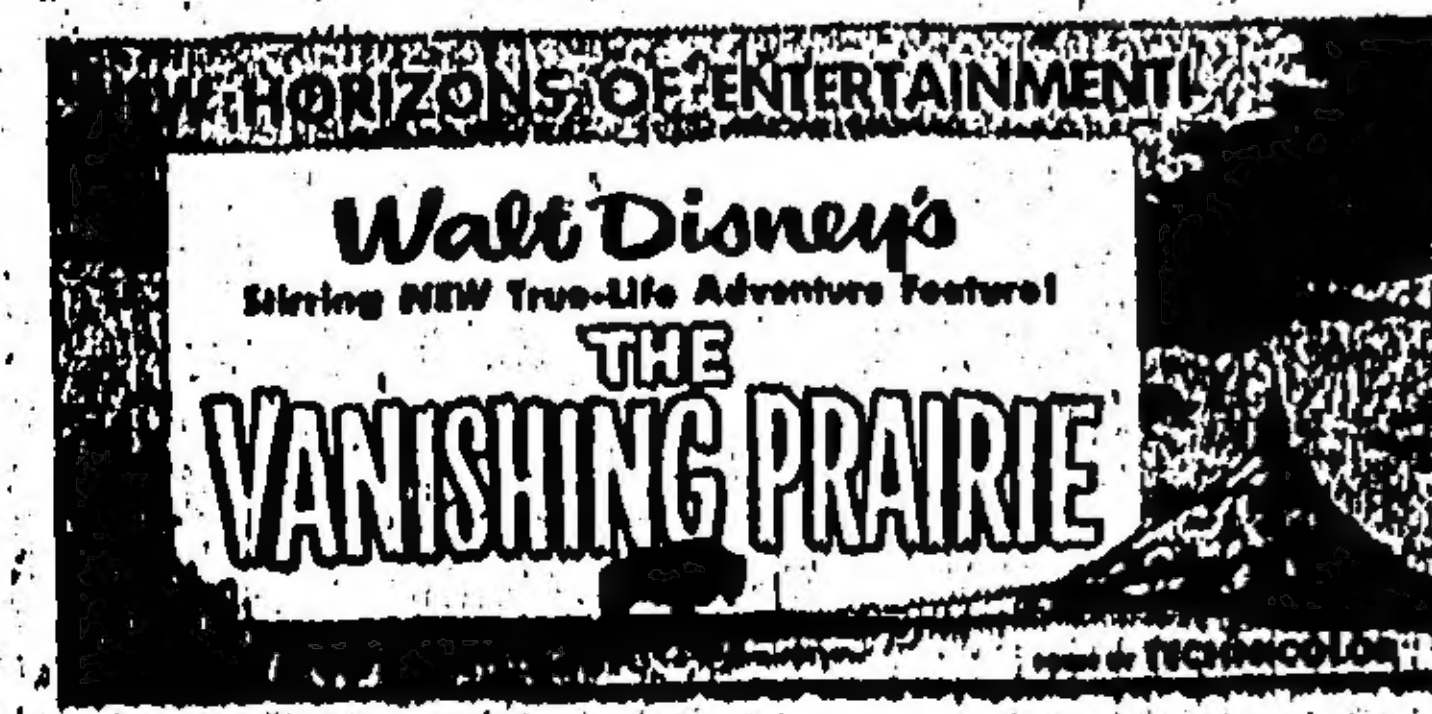
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LOST SERGEANT HOME



Sergeant Ken McConnell, 34, who kept himself alive in the Malaysian jungle for 22 days after his Auster plane crashed, shown on return to England. He was flying from Ipoh to Kuala Lumpur when his plane crashed. Injured in the legs and right eye he lived on roots and berries until found by Sakai tribesmen. His wife and family had returned to Britain after the Army had given him up for lost. —Reutersphoto.

HAMMARSKJOLD MAINTAINS: UN HAS NOT LOST GROUND IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Geneva, July 24.

The United Nations "has not lost any ground" in the Middle East, Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold told a press conference here today.

Refusing to make any "premature" or "incomplete" comment on his latest four-day "check-up" on the Israeli-Arab ceasefire, Mr. Hammarskjold said he thought that in the present delicate situation merely standing still could be regarded as a kind of success.

"We are trying to do something very unusual in political and diplomatic history," he said. "That is changing the direction of a stream."

A Mistake

He added that "there are obviously points on which things are not as I would like to have them at all. But to throw one's cards on the table simply because we have not reached perfection would be a mistake."

Mr. Hammarskjold said he had a tentative date for another "check-up" visit to the Middle East in October if the governments concerned agree at that time. Such visits, without fixed agenda, appear to be "quite useful," he remarked.

Mr. Hammarskjold also commented on a speech made earlier today in the economic and social council by British delegate Lord John Hope, who had said the British Government might have to reconsider the scale of its participation in UN activities if they continued to expand at the present rate.

Co-ordination

Mr. Hammarskjold said he too had been arguing for years on the need for more co-ordination of the far-flung projects of the world organization and its specialized agencies and on the impossibility of doing everything everybody wanted it to do. He therefore was basically agreed with Lord Hope's speech for "good economy... a selection which gets the maximum out of the money put into the machinery."

He declined to comment on Cyprus as "outside my sphere of competence," on the financing of Egypt's Aswan Dam because he was "not well enough informed on recent developments," and on China because "it is an aspect of a very acute political situation."

On China he did say, as he has said frequently before, that "in the long run, universality is a must for the United Nations," but refused to go into the question of "how universality is to be implemented in particular cases." —United Press.

SYMPATHY MESSAGE

Istanbul, July 24.

The President of the Pakistan Republic, General Iskander Mirza, who is on an official visit to Turkey, today sent a message of sympathy to the King of Afghanistan, Zahir Shah, following reports of heavy floods in Afghanistan.

In his message, President Mirza offered all possible aid in relief work.

The Pakistan Commander-in-Chief, General Mohammed Ayub Khan, who is accompanying Iskander Mirza, left Istanbul for London today. During his stay in Turkey, he had taken part in Turkish army manoeuvres at Erturum, and inspected Turkish Army units in the region of Kars, in Eastern Turkey. —France-Press.

Comet Services Announced

Washington, July 24.

Mr. J. H. Carmichael, Chairman of the United States Capital Airlines Company, said tonight that the company's new British Comet IV jet airliners would be put into service in the New York-Chicago and Washington-Chicago routes.

He added that the 14 airliners, each capable of seating 68 persons, would be delivered by their makers, the British de Havilland Company, after January 1, 1958.

The airlines' £19,000,000 deal was announced in London earlier today. —France-Press.

Deterrent To Communist Aggression Against The Free World

Manila, July 24.

Admiral Arthur W. Radford, Chairman of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff in a speech here today reaffirmed America's determination to maintain powerful forces as a deterrent to Red aggression against the free world.

Adm. Radford presided and delivered the principal address at the commissioning of this mighty American naval base which is located in historic Bataan Province on the China Sea side of Luzon.

"This mighty base," Adm. Radford said, "is visible evidence that an enemy who wants to invade the Philippines will have to fight his way over the sea and through the air before he touches Philippine soil. We are backing the treaties between us not merely with words, but with millions of dollars worth of construction and equipment and with thousands of Americans dedicated to liberty and freedom."

Regional Security

Adm. Radford said this base "is part of a comprehensive system of regional security in the Pacific area."

He said, "It is part of the Philippines and the Philippine Republic is a vital part of SEATO."

"Today," he added, "we dedicate Cubi Point to the defence of the Philippines and the free world. It now becomes a major addition to the means whereby free nations defend air power in defence of peace."

Adm. Radford warned against the "danger that stems from the Sino-Soviet bloc and international communism."

He praised the Southeast Asia Treaty of eight nations, describing it as "a milestone in the furtherance of human liberty and self-government in the Pacific area."

Mutual Defence

"I have long been convinced of the necessity for mutual defence programmes and military co-operation in order to preserve national independence and cultural traditions," said Adm. Radford. "Insofar as the US is concerned its responsibilities are so vast and so far-flung that we believe we serve freedom best by developing the deterrent of our mobile striking power plus strategically placed reserves."

FIGHT OVER ELEPHANT

Bangui, July 24.

A case of elephant poaching today provoked a mild "frontier incident" between African villagers and a Belgian planter in Oubangui, French Equatorial Africa, on the French side of the Oubangui River.

Despite the strict hunting regulations in the Belgian Congo, a group of Africans from the French side killed an elephant on Belgian territory and brought the meat back to be smoked.

The owner of the concession where the elephant was killed, a Belgian planter living on the French side of the river, pursued the hunters and demanded back the meat and the tusks.

The heated discussion between the villagers and the planter turned into a scuffle, in which the planter was slightly wounded on the forehead. The villagers also confiscated his rifle.

Both sides are bringing suit. —France-Press.



ADM RADFORD

"Our deterrent power can help protect many as well as one. Therefore we maintain at all times powerful forces in the western Pacific as a deterrent to the use of open violence."

Adm. Radford said that at the moment "the Communists are placing increased emphasis on political and economic infiltration." But he said he could see "no convincing evidence that this shift in tactics represents any intent to abandon their efforts to subvert, weaken and overthrow the political, economic and social systems of free nations."

Aggressive

"What I see is an aggressive Communist bloc stretching from the Baltic to the South China Sea," Adm. Radford said. "This

STUDENT LOSES HIS NOTES

The Hague, July 24.

A Pakistani student, studying in the Netherlands on a scholarship, today despaired of obtaining his degree at Delft Higher Technical School after he had lost a briefcase containing irreplaceable lecture notes and laboratory test results.

The student, 32-year-old Mohammed Jaberuddin, said that a whole year's work had gone with the briefcase and he would not be able to cover the ground ever again in time to write his degree thesis.

He said that if the person who found his briefcase did not return it to him, he would have to return to Pakistan without his degree. —France-Press.

Turkey Releases Syrians

Ankara, July 24.

Twenty-nine Syrians, who had been arrested for smuggling, were released today, the Turkish Foreign Ministry, announced tonight.

The Syrians, who had been accused of smuggling near the Turkish town of Nusaybin, on the Syrian-Turkish border, were among 36 who were originally arrested on June 23 after two Turkish soldiers and a Turkish officer had been killed in a clash with smugglers.

The seven other Syrians had been released previously. —France-Press.

ALLEGED RAPE

Two Soldiers Detained

Munich, July 24.
The US Army today identified two American soldiers held on charges of raping a 21-year-old German woman in Weiden last Sunday.

Officials said Specialist Third Class Charles E. Austin, and Private Dennis Morris were "being held in connection with an alleged rape."

Both men are members of headquarters battery of the Seventh Corps Artillery.

According to the woman, the two soldiers dragged both her and her 18-year-old escort with a "blind instrument," then raped her. The men were arrested by German police after the escort ran for help.

Both Germans identified the soldiers, US officials said. —United Press.

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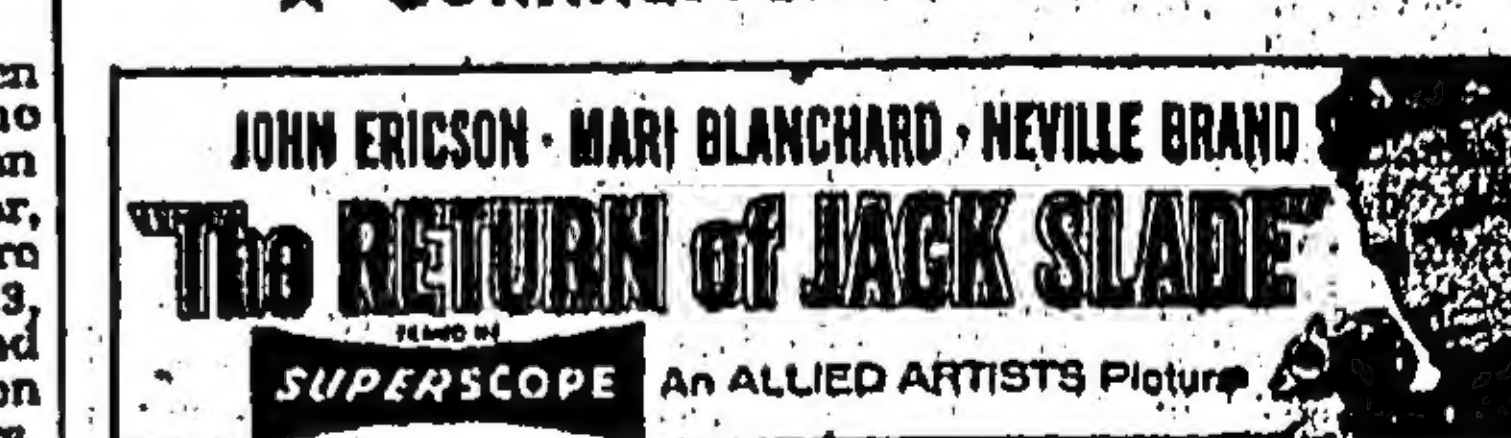
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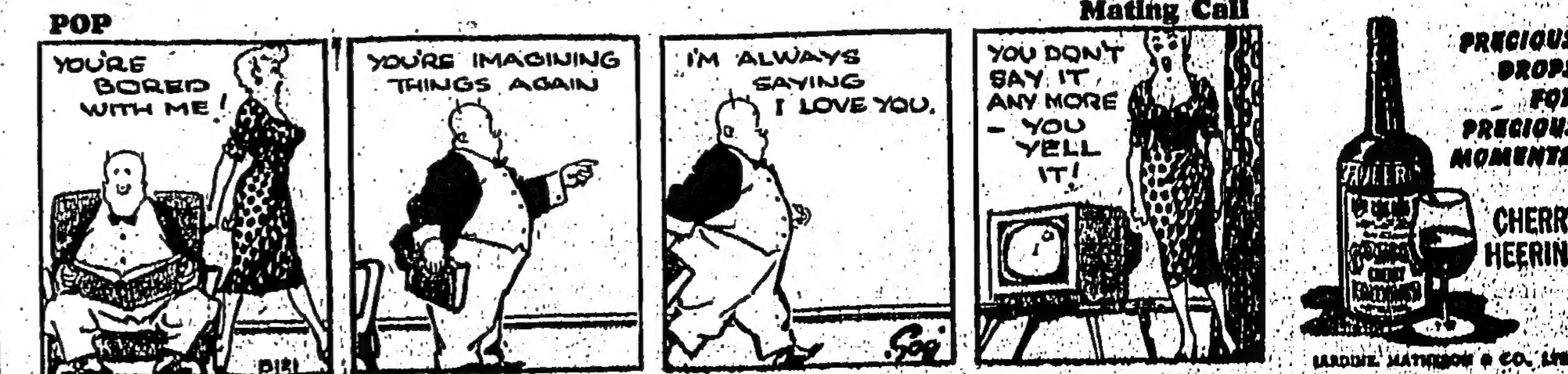
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NEXT CHANGE: "THE SPOILERS"



Menzies Warns Of New Soviet Foreign Policy

COMMONWEALTH & AMERICA SHOULD MOVE WITH CAUTION

New York, July 24.

The Australian Prime Minister, Mr Robert Menzies, warned today that the United States and the British Commonwealth nations should "move with the utmost caution" in the face of the "new look" in Soviet foreign policy.

NIGERIAN DISPUTE INQUIRY

London, July 24.

Mr Alan Lennox-Boyd, the Colonial Secretary, announced today he had decided to appoint a commission of inquiry to investigate a dispute over the relationship between the Premier of Eastern Nigeria, Dr Nnamdi Azikiwe, and the African Continental Bank limited in Nigeria.

A crisis in Eastern Nigeria has arisen over investment of Government funds in the African Continental Bank, of which Dr Azikiwe is a founder. Dr Azikiwe has accused the Colonial Office of supporting the Government, Sir Clement Plims, to protect a British banking monopoly.

He has threatened to resign because he was "not prepared to take dictation" from the Governor or the Colonial Secretary.

SOME DELAY

Mr Lennox-Boyd told the House of Commons the inquiry would mean some delay in convening a constitutional conference at which self-government for the regions of Nigeria would be discussed.

The conference was due to meet in London in September. Sir Stafford Foster, 57, Chief Justice of the Federation of Nigeria, will be chairman of the inquiry.

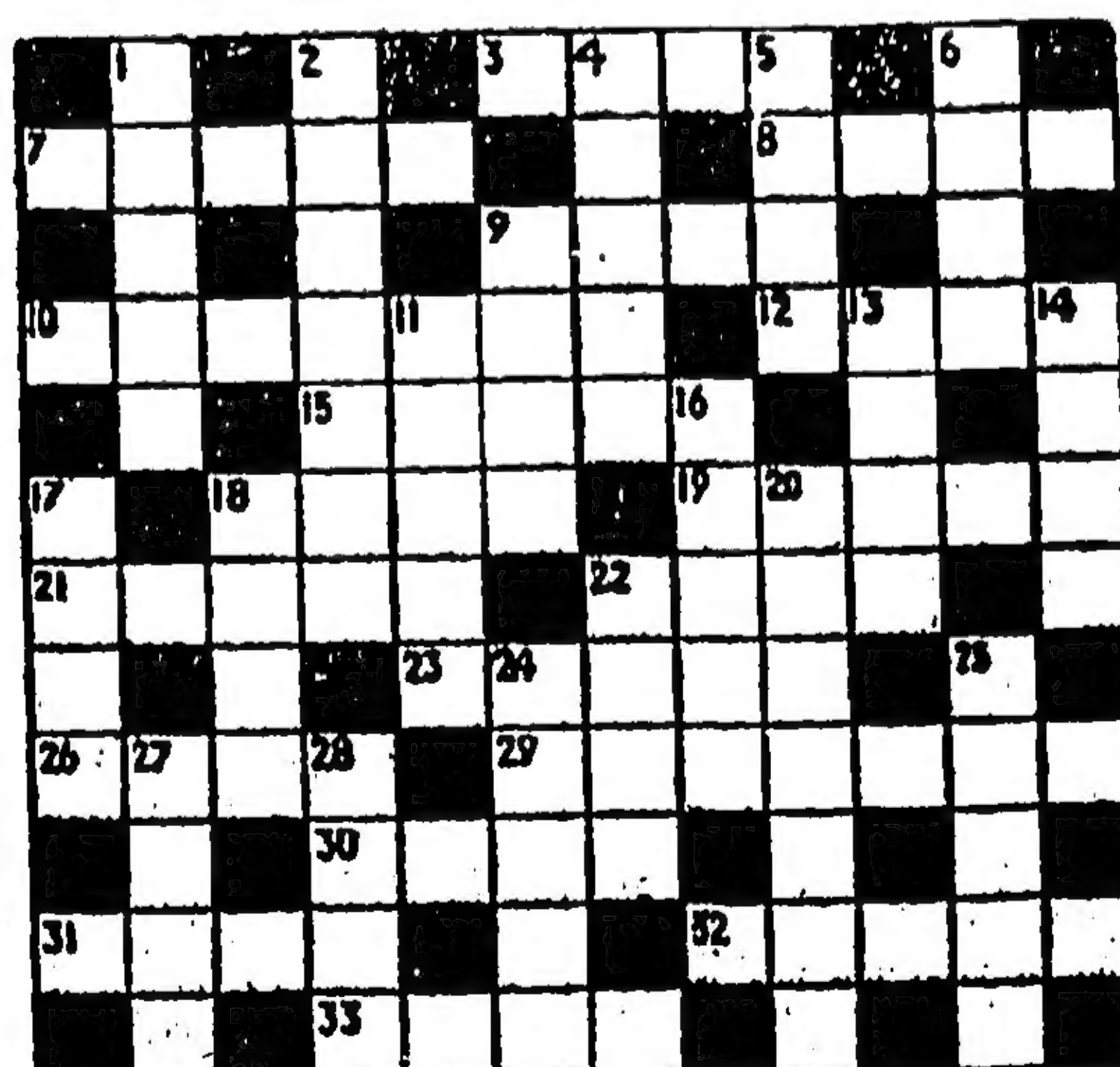
He has been Attorney General in Cyprus, Kenya and Malaya and is a former Chief Justice of the Federation of Malaya. —China Mail Special.

AMSTERDAM, July 24.

A housewife here spotted a metallic object in her coal bin when she decided to light her fire during a cold spell this summer.

She picked it out and found it was a hand grenade. The police were called and took the weapon away with the comment: "You shouldn't have had that in your coal, Madame." —China Mail Special.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS
3 Uninteresting (4).
7 Accelerate (5).
8 Way out (4).
9 Stupely (4).
10 Advance in grade (7).
12 Nest (4).
13 Ward off (5).
18 Detail (4).
19 Swift (5).
21 Command (6).
22 Wilches (4).
23 Subject (5).
26 Side (4).
28 Elaborate (7).
30 Responsibility (4).
31 Reverberation (4).
32 Show in (5).
33 Bold (4).

DOWN
1 Steeply (5).
2 Archbishop (7).
4 Extreme (5).
6 Advanced (4).
8 Wingless bird (4).
9 Stale (4).
11 Public (5).
13 Team (4).
14 Constructed (4).
16 Valiant (5).
17 Contest (4).
18 Nollor (4).
20 Perpetually young (7).
22 Borders (4).
24 Record (5).
26 Pedest (5).
27 Engrave (4).
28 Tie up a boat (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Mafine, 7 Mlin, 9 Bled, 10 Adult, 11 Gloe, 12 Discolored, 13 Lye, 14 Rules, 15 Managrove, 22 Sult, 24 Sull, 25 Bmle, 26 Seen, 27 Detail, 28 Down, 29 Avere, 30 Idoo, 31 Chales, 32 Smugler, 33 Rute, 34 Alley, 35 Ewers, 36 Darso, 37 Crowing, 38 Smile, 39 Balled, 40 Brest, 41 Bmle, 42 Ured.

King Feisal Sees Trainer



Youngful King Feisal of Iraq, in Britain last week on a State Visit, looks into the cockpit of a Proust jet trainer during a tour of the Odham Royal Air Force Station. On right is station commander Group Captain A. B. Galloway, on left Flight-Lieutenant D. C. Luck. After viewing aircraft and crews, the king lunched with the officers, later watched a flying display. —Express Photo.

Middle East Will Be Major Item On Lloyd's Agenda

By HAROLD KING

Paris, July 24.

French Foreign Minister, M. Christian Pineau, will particularly discuss Middle East problems with Mr Selwyn Lloyd, British Foreign Secretary of State, in London, next Monday, a spokesman of the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs said here today.

QUICK JOBS NEEDED IN CEYLON

Colombo, July 24.

The annual research session of the Indian Central Board of Irrigation and Power was opened here today by Ceylon Premier, Solomon Bandaranaike.

The research session, which is being held for the first time in Ceylon, was attended by the cream of Indian irrigation engineers. Bandaranaike told them it was imperative that in this fast-changing world their development plans should be executed in the shortest possible time.

He said they now had to achieve in five or ten years what would normally have taken 40 to 50 years.

CAREFUL

Kamwar Sain, Chairman of the Central Water and Power Committee, presided in the absence of President S. L. Malhotra.

Sain said what was needed today was careful and economic designing. He appealed to engineers to view their task in a missionary spirit and not be discouraged by adverse financial and other circumstances. —France-Press.

Buddha Statue May Be In Japan

Calcutta, July 24.

The only image of Gautama Buddha to have been sculptured from life might be somewhere in Japan, Mr O. C. Ganguly, a leading Indian art expert, said here today.

The image was made of sandalwood by the court sculptor of King Prosenjit, a Hindu ruler whose Empire had its capital on the site of the modern city of Benares.

The statue was made for the King when Buddha, who had been staying at his court, left to visit his mother. The image was later sent with Buddhist missionaries across the Himalayas to Central Asia, from where it was taken across China to Korea and finally to Japan, Ganguly believes.

The evidence for its existence is contained in the writings of two Chinese travellers, Hsuan Tsang and Fa Hien. Ganguly suggested that a team of Indian scholars search Japan for the image. —France-Press.

PERONISTS RELEASED

Buenos Aires, July 24.

Fifty-five political prisoners, most of them former Peronist administrators and labour leaders, were released today by the decision of the Ministry of the Interior.

The liberation of the prisoners, five of whom were women, brings the number of prisoners released since July 15 to 245. —France-Press.

BRITAIN NOT TAKING NUCLEAR WEAPONS INITIATIVE YET

By STANLEY PRIDDLE

London, July 24.

Britain will probably await the next session of the United Nations Disarmament experts before taking any major initiative towards international limitation of nuclear weapon tests, it was understood in diplomatic quarters here tonight.

The five-nation sub-committee of experts comprises Britain, France, the United States, Canada and Russia. Its last discussions ended last May in failure to reach agreement. It is expected to meet again in October or November to consider new proposals made at the recent session of the United Nations Disarmament Commission in New York.

Since then Britain has declared itself ready to enter an agreement to limit atomic and hydrogen bomb tests outside the framework of a full disarmament treaty.

Complicated

Answering a number of Labour Opposition questions in the House of Commons today, Sir Anthony Eden, the Prime Minister, said: "I certainly do not preclude our taking the initiative on this matter, but it is a complicated business, which we must work out carefully for ourselves."

Mr Selwyn Lloyd, the Foreign Secretary, later told the House that the Government had been working on possible ways of bringing about limitation, but he declined to give details.

"We hope others (nations) will do the same, and we shall seek to exchange ideas," he said.

Mr Lloyd said the fact that the United Nations sub-committee was again to discuss the limitation of tests did not mean that no work could be done until the sub-committee reconvened.

There was no indication from official quarters here tonight, however, that Britain would in fact make formal proposals to Russia and the United States—her fellow "atomic Powers"—for regulating experimental explosions.

US Dislike

Observers here think British reluctance is indicating American thinking on the subject. The United States is believed to dislike the idea of an agreement to limit tests which is not part of a wider disarmament convention.

FLOORSHOW BANNED

Singapore, July 24.

Singapore police have banned the floorshow in the "Hongkong-style" Sky Palace nightclub on top of Singapore's 14-storey Asia Insurance Building because the skyscraper had never been certified "fit for occupation."

A City Council official said this oversight also meant that many of the tenants in Singapore's biggest building were also occupying their offices illegally.

Meanwhile nightclub queen Julie Jones, a tiny blonde from Denver, Colorado, has stopped her briefly-dressed dancing act and now sings with the band. Julie is convinced there's a lull on her in Singapore.

"First bronchitis, now this," she said today. "Anyway I go to Manila in a week." —Reuter.

STEEL STRIKE Negotiations Continue

New York, July 24.

Steel company and union negotiators resumed talks today on a new contract in an effort to end the nation-wide strike, now 24 days old.

The talks were led by Mr John A. Stephens, of the US Steel Corporation, the industry's chief negotiator, and Mr David McDonald, president of the United Steel Workers' Union.

Neither side would comment on a report in the Chicago Daily News that the companies would propose a contract for at least three years with an average 10-cent-an-hour pay increase in the first year. —Reuter.

Troops Run Trains During Italian Railway Strike

Rome, July 24.

Troops and special railway police co-operated in running a few trains in Italy today while a strike of 190,000 railwaymen paralysed all normal services for 24 hours, from last night till midnight tonight.

Only about 150 emergency trains ran today compared to the normal daily average of 6,000. Train-drivers had orders to approach all level crossings at three miles an hour, since crossing-keepers were also on strike. In most places, police guarded the crossings.

Augmented

Military aircraft were used to reinforce civil airliners on all internal air routes and military lorries were used to augment bus services.

International expresses halted at midnight at the biggest stations near the frontiers or else did not stop at all. The strike was called jointly by Italy's three main labour federations (Communist, Christian Democrat and Social Democrat) to protest against government delays in dealing with the railwaymen's demands.

These include reduction of wages and establishment of a regular 48-hour week. The Minister of Transport, Signor Armando Cossiga, announced that the strike would cost the national economy about 1,000 million lire (£275,000 sterling).

Stranded

The Minister is due to report to the Cabinet tomorrow on discussions he is holding with union leaders to avoid industrial strike action which they have threatened if the Government does not meet their demands.

Hundreds of foreign tourists were stranded on railway stations all over the country by the strike. —Reuter.



The water-scooter at 1956 with the rider waiting a line to use it, and a horse bus, with two girls in period costume, one of the exhibits of the "Rites to Hell" exhibition at Marlborough House, London. The exhibition covers travel since the year 1750. —Optical Photo Photo.

CHINA FISH FLOOD S'PORE

Singapore, July 25.

Fish and prawns from China had flooded the Singapore market, the Singapore Standard said today. Mainland China was now one of Singapore's biggest sources of fish and supplies were coming from as far north as Taiching. —Reuter.

Lancashire Still On Top Of County Championship Table

London, July 24.

On the eve of the Fourth Test against Australia, England spinner Tony Lock bowled Surrey to a 14 runs victory over Yorkshire at Sheffield.

But Lancashire, capturing Gloucestershire's last five wickets in the last half hour, also won to keep their lead in the County Championship Table. They have 132 points against 120 for Surrey, who have two matches in hand.

Next in the table are Derbyshire, with 98 points, followed by Yorkshire and Northamptonshire, 90 each.

Yorkshire, needing only 97 in their second innings for victory over Surrey, were 50 for four when Lock entered the attack. Though he got little help from the pitch, he claimed five of the remaining wickets for 11 runs in 11 overs. Irresolute batting contributed to his success. He was well supported by fast bowler Peter Lander, who took four for 40.

Surrey, who had previously beaten Yorkshire at the Oval, completed their first "double" over their rivals for 36 years.

Gloucestershire lost their last five wickets while adding only 12 runs in the final half hour. Lancashire spinner Malcolm Hillon, who took five for 34, played the biggest part in turning an apparently inevitable draw into victory.

STIFF RESISTANCE

Lancashire declared their second innings closed at 193 for five, leaving Gloucestershire 100 minutes in which to score 187. They met their stiffest resistance from Tom Gravney, who stayed 100 minutes for 32.

IF GRAVENEY IS UNFIT...

Selectors Must Decide On Inviting Another Batsman For Fourth Test

London, July 24.

Tom Gravney, who is among the 12 men who will be in the team for England against Australia in the Fourth Test at Manchester on Thursday, travelled back to Bristol by air with the rest of the Gloucestershire team tonight.

He is returning to Manchester by train in the morning and arrangements are being made to have his hand X-rayed on arrival.

Gravney said before leaving Blackpool: "My hand is very painful and in view of the Australian fast bowling attack, it might not be wise for me to bat and get it jarred."

The selectors must now decide whether to invite another batsman to Manchester for if Gravney is unfit, they are at present limited to playing five batsmen, an all-rounder, four bowlers and a wicket-keeper.

At Leeds, where they beat Australia by an innings, England omitted a bowler and increased their batting to six specialists. The selectors appeared concerned about the strength of the full after the defeat at Lord's.

Gravney's bruised hand appears serious enough to prevent him being even the 12th man, so it seems certain that the selectors will decide to invite another batsman. This could well be Alan Oakman, the Sussex player, who was somewhat unfortunate to lose his place after only one Test innings.—France-Press.

OAKMAN INVITED

Alan Oakman, the tall Sussex opening batsman, was tonight asked to travel to Manchester to join the England party gathering there for the fourth Test against Australia which begins on Thursday.

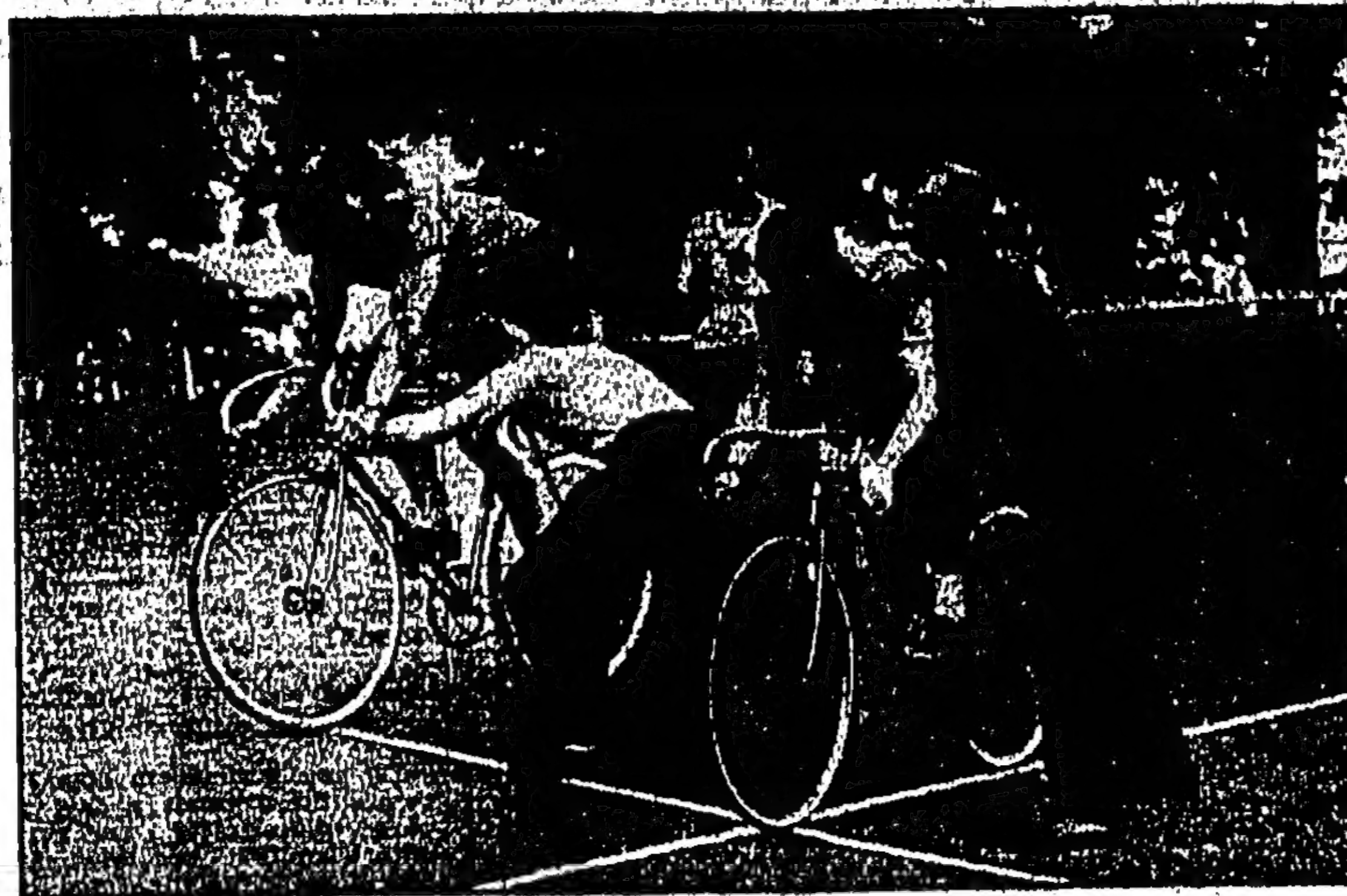
Oakman has been asked to attend as Tom Gravney, the Gloucestershire batsman, is doubtful because of bruised knuckles.—France-Press.

BOXER DIES

Valencia, July 24. The Spanish amateur boxer, Juan Perez Diaz, died today in a Valencia hospital.

He was severely injured during a ring bout in Madrid recently.—France-Press.

TWO WHO STOOD OUT



Two outstanding riders dominated the Army Track Cycling Championships. They were L/Cpl Blundell, REME and Pte Alan Jackson, who won the National Cycling Championship in July 14. They met in the Army 1,000 Metres Individual Sprint Championship which was won by Blundell. Picture shows L/Cpl Blundell (left) and Alan Jackson (right) at the start of the sprint.

France's Walkowiak Favoured To Win 43rd Tour De France

Grenoble, July 24.

France's Roger Walkowiak came through the final phase of the battle of the Alps today as favourite to win the 43rd Tour De France cycling race which winds up in Paris on July 28.

After today's climbs over three mountain passes in the French Alps from Turin, Italy, to here, Walkowiak (Northeast Central France) took the yellow sweater from Holland's Wout Wagtmans as over-all leader of the Tour with 99 hrs. 50 mins. 30 secs.

Luxembourg's ace climber, Charly Gaul, came into his own as he slipped over mountains such as the 2,087 metre from Cross Pass in boiling heat to win the 250 kilometre stage in 8 hrs. 14 mins. and 11 seconds. This was his first stage win and he is now 17th and 36 minutes behind Walkowiak in the overall position.

Belgium's World Champion, Stan Ocker, moved up to 11th position and 25 minutes behind Walkowiak after coming second in today's stage. There are four more stages over 300 kilometres.

Tomorrow's stage is from here to Saint Etienne over 162 kilometres.

THE FINAL BATTLE

Britain's Brian Robinson made an all-out offensive in the final battle of the Alps to finish seventh—among continental ace climbers in the 18th stage of the Tour.

Only 92 riders out of the 120 who started the Tour will leave here for Saint Etienne tomorrow. Two more riders dropped out in today's severe mountain stage. They were Aldo Bolasan of the Luxembourg team who abandoned the race, and Ernst Traxel, of Switzerland, who was eliminated after finishing last, after the time delay (10 per cent longer than the winner's time).

INDIVIDUAL POSITIONS

Overall individual positions. 1. R. Walkowiak (Northeast Central France) 99 hrs. 50 mins. 30 secs.

British Victory At International Horse Show

London, July 24.

Britain's Miss Dawn Paley, riding Earlham Rambler, won the Queen Elizabeth Cup at the International Horse Show at the White City Stadium, here tonight for the second year in succession.

She went round the course of 15 jumps without fault to win from another British rider, Miss Pat Moss, who incurred four faults when her horse, Danny Boy, knocked down the last obstacle but one.

These two were the only competitors who had faultless rounds in the preliminary sections of the competition.—China Mail Special.

OLYMPIC BOOKSHELF

Famous Athletes On The Story Of The Games

By VERNON MORGAN

London.

Glamorous as are the Olympic Games it is only natural that before each Olympiad new books about them, re-telling historic contents of the past, should be put before the public. When the Games are over, the tales of the great deeds done, the tough battles fought, will also find their way into print.

With five months to go before the Duke of Edinburgh opens the XVth Olympiad in Melbourne, three books on the subject have been published. They are "Olympic Odyssey" (Modern Athletic Publications 7/6d), "The Olympic Games Book" (James Barrie 6/-), and "The Modern Olympic Games" (published by the Pannonia Press, Budapest, and distributed in Britain by Collet's Holdings Ltd at 17s. 6d).

One shilling from every copy sold of "Olympic Odyssey", written by Sam Tomlin, one of Britain's leading distance runners a few years back, goes to the British Olympic Association's Appeal Fund.

It tells the Olympic Story from 1896 to 1936 as related by the leading stars themselves, with a chapter on each of the Modern Games since their inauguration in Athens in 1896.

In addition it gives past winners of all the track and field events, with a space in which to put the first six in each event in the forthcoming Games.

OF GREAT INTEREST

As Lord Burghley, former Olympic Gold Medalist and Chairman of the British Olympic Council, writes in his foreword: "The book will be of great interest to all those who are followers of sport. It includes a remarkable collection of articles by a number of the world champions of the past and is, in fact, a unique publication."

There is a chapter on the immortal male athletes of the past. Paavo Nurmi, Jesse Owens and Emil Zatopek.

Two of the greatest Amazons, Fanny Blankers-Koen, the finest woman track star of all time, and Dorothy Tyler, one of the best of British field event female stars, tell their own stories.

Some excellent prints of the games of former Olympiads, and

FALSE IMPRESSION

While it contains much more detail than "Olympic Odyssey" it has far less reading matter, for Mr. Abrahams devotes less than 40 pages to a resume of the previous Games. He does, however, kill one false impression. Ask anyone, even those intimately connected with the Olympic Games, who it was who said "The important thing in these Olympics is not so much to have been victorious as to have taken part," and you will get from probably a dozen cent

Baron Pierre de Coubertin of France, founder of the Modern Games. But that is not so. Baron de Coubertin did say this but he was only quoting the Bishop of Pennsylvania, who was the originator of the now famous saying in a sermon preached at St. Paul's Cathedral, London, at the time of the holding of the 1908 Games for the first time in Britain.

Hungary, one of the greatest of sport-loving nations, which has already contributed much to the Olympic Games, has added a further important contribution to the work "The Modern Olympic Games" by Dr. Ferenc Mezo.

This book, published in English, French and German, and written by an Olympic Literature Gold Medalist, is a "must" for all libraries, National Olympic Committees, and all those who want a delightful reference book on the Olympic Games.

A SHORT HISTORY

The book, of nearly 600 pages, contains a short history of the Ancient Olympics, a complete summary of all the Modern Games, the first three in all events in Summer and Winter Olympics, with the important

Official Authority Given For Classic Le Mans Race

Le Mans, July 24.

After a last tour by officials of the freshly rebuilt circuit and installation of the Le Mans automobile track, official authority was today given for the classic 24 hours race to be held here on Saturday and Sunday.

Last year, over 90 spectators were killed when a Mercedes racer, driven by France's Pierre Levegh, exploded in mid-air over the stands facing the pits. The circuit and stands have since been completely rebuilt to give spectators the maximum security.

Over a thousand policemen will control the crowd during the race, which annually attracts an enormous public. Racers and sports cars entered in the 24 hours are being subjected this week to detailed official scrutiny before being allowed to compete.—France-Press.

Low Hoad Loses Another Singles Match

Stockholm, July 24.

Australia's Low Hoad today lost another match for the third straight time since winning the Wimbledon Men's Singles Championship.

He was defeated by Sweden's Sven Davidson, 7-9, 7-6, 6-3. Hoad has been beaten in two British tournaments since the Wimbledon tourney. Hoad and fellow Australian Don Candy also lost a doubles match to Davidson and fellow countrymen Ulf Schmidt, 6-3, 7-5. But Candy won his singles matches from Schmidt, 6-0, 6-8.—United Press.

Ian Johnson & Keith Miller Awarded MBE

London, July 24.

Australian cricketers Ian Johnson and Keith Miller were honored with the MBE (Member of the Order of the British Empire) by the Queen at Buckingham Palace today as captain and vice-captain respectively of the Australian touring side.

"The Queen talked to us about the next Test match and said she hoped the weather would be better than it had been lately," Mr. Johnson said afterwards.

"She wished us good luck." Among the 228 men and women to receive honours from the Queen in the Palace ballroom today were eight new knights, including Admiral Eric Clifton, Deputy Chief of Naval Staff.

Mr. Eric Linklater, the author, and Miss Agatha Christie, writer of detective stories, were among 43 to receive the CBE (Commander of the Order of the British Empire).—China Mail Special.

Sports Diary

TODAY

Water polo: Senior League: Chung Sing v. Pak Tai (Chung Sing) 5 p.m.

TOMORROW

Children's Golf: Deep Water Bay Model Competition. 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Shrimpton, Australia, winner of South China Amateur 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Open: Pak Tai v. Intercol. 7 p.m.

FRIDAY

Netball: Hong Kong v. Singapore. 7 p.m. at Victoria Ground. Football: Hong Kong v. Singapore. 7 p.m. at Victoria Ground. Football: Hong Kong v. Singapore. 7 p.m. at Victoria Ground.

KING'S PRINCESS COMMENCING TO-DAY

"THE YELLOW ROSE OF TEXAS" ...and the man who tracked her down!

"The RETURN of JACK SLADE"

An ALLIED ARTISTS Picture

JOHN ERICSON, MARY BLANCHARD, HENRY BRAND

THE GAMBOLS

GAMBOL: I WANT YOU TO BE MY REPRESENTATIVE AT THE AOPL CONFERENCE

WATER: DARLING! I'VE BEEN CHOSEN TO REPRESENT THE BOBS AT THE AOPL

Barry Appleby

WHAT! I WEAR? ER...NO DARLING! THE AOPL DOESN'T PERMIT VIVES AT THE CONFERENCE

So Tender and Tasty

FRANCIS MILLER'S GREAT NORTHERN FANCY RED SOCKEYE SALMON STEAK

BRITAIN'S OLYMPIC PROSPECT

MEET BARCLAY PALMER

— THIS PARSON'S SON IS TOUGH

Says GEORGE WHITING

Poking around in search of Olympic Games hot-shots the earnest inquirer can bump into all sorts of sporting phenomena.

For instance, I have just been watching a great grandson of General Booth, the Salvation Army founder, come charging home from interviewing a bishop and start throwing 16lb. of Czechoslovakian iron at a compost heap in a parsonage garden at Bromley. He does it 200 times a day.

His name is William Barclay Livingstone Palmer. He is the 24-year-old younger son of the Rev. John, vicar of St John the Evangelist. At a handsome and splendidly proportioned 17½ stone, he looks up from 6ft. 6in. at a 7ft. brother and down at two diminutive sisters of 6ft. 5in. and 5ft. 11in.—poor little mite.

And this is the chap who, after only 18 months of serious competition, will almost certainly be putting the shot for Britain in the Olympic Games in Melbourne next November.

Can he do anything else? Brother you asked for it. Allow me to inform you that this remarkable young man has just come down from Oxford after taking a theology degree at St Peter's Hall. That at the age of five he was offering prodigy performances on the violin. That at seven, at 11, and again two years ago he was giving every indication of being physically finished. All washed up.

VIRTUOSO

That he has reached (and still can reach) virtuoso ranking at Rugby, soccer, hockey, cricket, rowing, lawn tennis, table tennis, discus, javelin, sprinting, and basketball. Also that he could earn a living as a pianist any day he likes.

From Bach to boogie THE LOT.

An astonishing catalogue—and if the above recital appears to be somewhat scrambled I can only plead that I have written it down in a whirlwind. Two hours with the explosive W. B. L. Palmer leaves you with a marked respect for muscular Christianity—but it also leaves you in no condition to marshal facts and present a well ordered account of the proceedings.

Our Mr Palmer barged into the drawing-room, hustled me into the vicarage garden, whipped off his Achilles single, to present a large and tawny torso to the afternoon sun and began tossing a 16lb. shot into the air like a cricket ball.

"Born Toronto, March 1932. Weak and useless," he explained. "Come to live with parents in Liverpool slums. Skinny. Chubby. Probably

bronchial. Had to decide—games or violin. Picked games.

"Sprinted 100 yards in 13 seconds when I was seven. Took up soccer. Mad on ball games when I got to prep school.

"Bright boy. Also wretched little boy. Contracted abscess in the right thigh when I was 11. You know—ankle. Cripple, practically. But parents had great faith also. First civilian to be treated with penicillin. Hospital at Alton, Hants. In bed for 14 months. Operation a great success. Medical miracle. I will repeat that. A miracle."

INTERRUPTION

At this stage we were interrupted by another miracle—when Barclay Palmer only just missed my unoffending foot with his cannon-ball. Taking advantage of the escape I persuaded him to keep still for five minutes while my pencil cooled off.

"At 13 I learned W.L.P. was towing for his house in his first year at Monkton Combe School, near Bath. Next, skipping the school at hockey, playing lock forward at Rugby, contriving Tyson-like whizz-bangs at cricket, dabbling in athletics, and getting really serious about lawn tennis.

"Won the tennis singles last week of term. Collapsed overnight. Broke school shot record with 41ft. next day. Makes me sound conceited, ass.

"Joined the Army-REME. Commissioned in a Signal. Became really interested in athletics—discus, javelin, shot. Went up to Oxford in '52. Got a glimmering of American technique from coach, John Jeffery. Then trained under Stumpff—you know, Franz. Marvellous coach.

"John Savidge, Britain's best shot putter, announced his retirement, and I interpreted that as a personal challenge to myself to make the British team."

Barclay Palmer made it—after recovering from the kind of stomach trouble that induced his friends to advise him to quit all strenuous sports for keeps. Against Germany at the White City last year he put (put? puffed?)

the shot 51ft. in his first international.

He performed prodigiously in Moscow, Prague, Bucharest, and Bordeaux. Progressed from 44ft. to 54ft. in one season, and achieved 54ft. 2in. in the AAA Championships at the White City recently.

Barclay Palmer's ambitions? They sprout in all directions, athletically and theologically. At the moment, however, they are chiefly concerned with surpassing the 57ft. 8½in. European record of Czechoslovakian Jiri Skobla.

Next, he hopes to attain 60ft. in time for Melbourne, where our ill-considered "field" competitors will be reaching out in honest endeavour for the as yet unattained world record of 61ft. 4in. thrust by America's Parry O'Brien at Los Angeles last month.

"Come with me," commanded Barclay Palmer, in tones that will one day blister the unrighteous from a pulpit. So we belted across the garden, where this energetic young man immediately began heaving a 45lb. dumb-bell suspended on a 20ft. rope from one of the vicarage ems-like pushing a child on a swing.

MEETING

He tossed his cannon-ball in the direction of the cabbages. He did hand-springs on the lawn. Then he ordered me to mount his sister's bicycle, ride in the wrong direction down 2 one-way street in Bromley, pull up at the local pub, and meet the boss Harry Burns.

So I met Harry Burns—a diminutive muscle-man of astounding vigour—who ex-pounded the purpose and potential of weight training and handed me a note explaining that a legendary Greek athlete called Milo had started it all by carrying a 150lb. bull calf about on his shoulders.

Well, where Milo left off, William Barclay Livingstone Palmer looks like beginning. When I tottered out, he was playing games with lumps of iron, and heaving a 500lb. set of dumb-bells all over the Royal Bell Hotel.

Would anyone like a nice plate of nails for breakfast?

—(London Express Service). (COPYRIGHT)



The Champagne Toast in the Spot of Honour at the Top of the Sports Parade this week is "Tom Broadbent of 11th Infantry Workshops, REME". His magnificent performance in walking round the Island to victory in the Walkathon last Saturday makes him one of the most welcome guests we have ever had in our weekly parade.

His was a truly courageous achievement and there was a glow of pride in the hearts of the many Army folks who lined the route and particularly the last 500 yards as Broadbent strode to the winning line.

If a band had suddenly struck up his regimental march the Scotsman from Sek Kow could not have finished the gruelling course in more majestic style, and even the most partisan of spectators could not resist joining in the cheering that greeted his triumphant arrival in Wanchai flanked on either side by a motor cyclist of the Hongkong Police Force.

When the favourites were being discussed before the race the name of Broadbent was never mentioned and in fact according to himself he didn't think very much of his own chances at that stage.

Walking in long distance events is a grueling sport even for the well trained expert. Many of the entrants in this race had never taken part in anything like it before and that includes Broadbent. This was his first experience of competitive walking over long distances and in view of the excellent time he returned, there are many who think he should now give serious consideration to making a further study of the sport for which he shows such natural aptitude.

TOUGH GOING

The Walkathon took place at what is probably the most trying part of the year and during the first four hours from 9 o'clock to 7 p.m. the sun and the high temperature sapped the strength of the competitors. Broadbent said that these early stages were the hardest and that he found it tough going until he reached Aberdeen in the late evening.

At that stage, and until Kennedy Town was reached, the struggle for the lead was intense, but once on the flat the soldier forged ahead, walking with determination and balancing his effort with a sense of judgment that belied his inexperience of this kind of competition.

It was almost impossible to believe that 412 strength-supplying miles lay behind him as he drove himself relentlessly to the finishing line. He was cheered every inch of the way during the last few hundred yards and finished a popular winner in the almost fantastic time of 8 hours 21 minutes 31 seconds.

Listeners to Rediffusion heard Tom's comments a few seconds after he had crossed the winning line. When asked how he felt he showed a real ability to sum things up in energy conserving fashion. "I'm thirsty, hungry, and tired," he said, and when asked if he would do it all again he replied "I think I would."

Well done, Tom Broadbent. Yours was a performance that brought proud satisfaction to everyone connected with Army sport.

SPECIAL COMMENDATION

A special word of commendation must however be reserved for Sgt Jones of 27 HAA Regt RA and his daughter Hazel who both finished the course. Sgt Jones is of course an experienced walker and there is little doubt that he could have finished much higher in the placings if he had decided to break the family partnership. However, he and Hazel stayed together and by good judgment, endurance, and mutual determination finished 4½ heart-breaking course. Congratulations to both on a grand show.

The organizers of the event must very satisfactorily arrange for refreshments along the route but that doesn't prevent us saying a special word of thanks for the thoughtful and much appreciated contribution which 27 HAA Regt RA, made at Stanley. Several competitors and officials took the trouble to comment on this pleasant little gesture and I am sure the gentlemen behind the effort will take some satisfaction from the knowledge that their thoughtfulness was indeed appreciated.

The timekeeper's bill has often brought pleasure to Cdn Jock Dinning of District Workshops.

REME when it has meant the end of a hard and punishing contest. For our Colony and South East Asian Boxing Champion it was both a very different kind when he was married at the week-end.

Dinning has enjoyed great popularity during his time in Hongkong and his name on a boxing bill has usually been enough to pull out the crowds. He has always been a grand, astute, and even when things have gone against him he has shown a fine sense of sportsmanship.

Army boxing fans, and in fact boxing fans in every corner of the Colony, will join with me in wishing the young couple a long and happy life together.

GREAT SUCCESS

"Since when has roller skating been the prerogative of 33 General Hospital?" asks a group of indignant Sappers in a note to me this week. It seems that in recent months a number of energetic young engineers have been regular performers on wheels and if I am to take their own assessment as accurate they are pretty hot stuff.

While the Combined Services Inter-Unit Golf Tournament continues to make good progress and there is a great battle going on for a place in the closing rounds I am surprised to hear—in an indirect sort of way—that there is no official trophy for this most important event in our summer sporting calendar.

The competition still has some weeks to run and we look forward to hearing that the organizers have obtained a suitable cup or shield for this most popular inter-unit tournament. Any donors?

Congratulations to the committee responsible for the arrangements at the Royal Army Pay Corps Annual Swimming Gala last week.

The whole show was a great success and I think this was due in great measure to the fact that in the programme planning every effort was made to open the proceedings on an exciting note and then to keep it there. If that was the plan, it succeeded admirably and there wasn't a dull moment from start to finish.

I was delighted to see some originality in the selection of prizes for the various events. Like others I feel the time-honoured practice of handing out miniature cups and medals that are soon lost is followed too blindly, and on this occasion it was refreshing to see items of practical value among the cups and trophies on the prize table.

An excellent afternoon's entertainment.

Army and Colony soccer fans will remember Len "Tiger" Casey, the brilliant and tenacious full-back who was a most successful cornerstone in the Granger Casey-Webb defence during the 1953-54 season.

Len, who had already played in the Amateur Cup Final at Wembley before coming to Hongkong, is now a Chelsea stalwart, and after being on the sidelines for a long time with a nasty knee injury he is looking forward to the new season with a special keenness and determination to make the top grade. The season? . . . well it's the most important of all. . . . He has just been married. Congratulations from Hongkong have already been sent to Stamford Bridge.

SOCCER PERSONALITY

And to finish this week we have another word on football. A famous football personality in Great Britain has been following the development of one of our best players.

The player himself will be receiving the news in a few days and when one of the biggest soccer names in the last 30 years says "I shall personally supervise the arrangements in order that he gets every opportunity to make the grade" . . . no young player could ask for more.

FOUR-POINT PLAN FOR BRITISH SOCCER

SIR STANLEY ROUS HITS OUT AGAIN

By ERIC NICHOLLS

You can't keep a good idea man down. In the days when things weren't terribly rosy in Britain's soccer garden, Secretary Sir Stanley Rous, along with his fellow FA councillors, was branded as "old fashioned", devoid of ideas to lift British soccer out of the mire. In actual fact Sir Stanley is quite a guy.

Last season he shook the world in general and the Football League in particular with his revolutionary proposals for a new National League and for the cutting of dead-wood in the football forest.

These proposals received the cold shoulder of cold shoulders. But Sir Stanley was not dismayed.

Now in his forthright manner he has hit out again. (FA Year Book, Heinemann, 3/6d). This time Sir Stanley recommends a four-point plan for the reducing of League and Cup fixtures to make room for more matches against overseas teams; friendly games to replace the traditional trial matches before each season; the three Services to be asked to allow first-class players on National Service to appear regularly on Saturday afternoons for the nearest senior club to where they are stationed; and a national youth league or series of regional youth leagues to cater for youngsters not ready for first or reserve team football.

BRIGHTER FIXTURES Sir Stanley says that improved organization plus brighter and more imaginative fixtures can help to overcome some of the difficulties, but that in the long run what counts is the quality of the football. "I'm sure," he says, "that one of the reasons people flock to schoolboy and youth games is that they feel they are likely to provide play which is skilful, fresh, and attractive."

In an attack on bad temper, "old soldier" tactics, and of re-

forces' decisions being fouted, Sir Stanley, I feel, speaks for all who have the best interests of the game at heart when he states: "Such behaviour can scarcely be too harshly deplored. Winning is important, but not if it means losing self-respect, not to mention public support."

FOUR-POINT PLAN

The programme of League and Cup matches, at all levels, might be reduced in number, to leave at least four match days free during the season, for the playing of matches against overseas teams, or some other unusual event.

On two dates during the fortnight before the start of each season a club's first and reserve teams might be allowed to play "friendly" matches against clubs of their choice—again perhaps some of them would be overseas sides.

The times of these matches would be arranged so as not to clash with other seasonal events in the district. They would replace the present club trial matches, though a percentage of the receipts would still be allocated to deserving sporting and other charities.

The gap in training and experience caused by National

Service is still a serious disadvantage. The Service authorities might be asked to consider, whenever possible giving permission to entrants who are first-class players to appear regularly on Saturday afternoons for the nearest senior club to where they happen to be stationed. A regular mid-week games afternoon in all units would also be of immense value.

A new national youth league—or better still, a series of regional youth leagues—should be formed. Some clubs are beginning to suffer from a surfeit of talented young players who are not yet ready for inclusion in the first or reserve teams. These new leagues would provide a reliable supplement to the FA Youth Challenge Cup Competition, and enable youngsters to play more competitive football with people of their own age.

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HORSE RACING

Military Law May Stay Unbeaten

Says RICHARD BAERLEIN

London.

Opinions among racegoers are now sharply divided between Messmate, Military Law and Skindles Hotel as to which is the best two-year-old of the current season.

Skindles Hotel is the least inviting as a future proposition, for he is bred purely for sprinting and there is no scope for him in European racing after the end of this season.

In any case I doubt if he could cope with the other two at six furlongs. Military Law's performance when winning the National Breeders' Produce Stakes was really the most impressive of any two-year-olds seen this season.

ON THE BIT

He was on the bit the whole way and Joe Mercer appeared to be toying with the opposition at half way.

He slammed a useful colt in Gozz Time and, although he was receiving 9th from the second, he had a bit more in hand than the three-length victory would suggest.

In his first race Military Law finished only third at Ascot to Fulfer and Crispella. Given a head and three-quarters of a length, and it may be asked why Fulfer is not fit to be compared with him.

Fulfer, however, was at that time a fully experienced colt, while Military Law was big and totally backward. In view of his condition, I was quite amazed by the performance he gave to gain a place that day.

Even at Sandown the other day he appeared a long way short of his best and is likely to be an even better colt the next time he is seen on a race-course.

He is a hardy, tough colour and a most impressive individual altogether. The breeding is quite sound and there is no reason why he should not stay a mile next season in top-class company.

Court Martial, his sire, has produced no end of winners in the past few seasons but I doubt if any of his previous offspring will be equal to this magnificent colt.

I am quite prepared for Military Law to go through the rest of the season unbeaten, no matter the company in which he runs.

NO COMPARISON

To compare him with Messmate is an impossible proposition. Messmate obviously surprised his connections with his easy Ascot victory and cannot fairly be assessed until he has been out again.

The horses which finished behind him at Ascot have a very poor record to date, while those in Military Law's race have proved themselves on almost every occasion.

At present, if I could choose one of these two colts, my preference would undoubtedly be for Military Law—London Express Service.



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Soccer Starts To Kick Itself Out Of The Rut

By JOHN MACADAM

After all this razzamataz of blinking into television screens at the golfers skelping a small white ball in the Open, the tennisists smacking a larger white one at Wimbledon, and the cricketers hitting a red one in the Tests, one of the calmer delights is to switch the darn thing off, and just think about football.

Despite the fact that we are in what is laughingly called high summer, there is nothing very odd about this, for most of the players will report to their clubs this week to prepare for the season that kicks off in less than a month from now—August 18, to be precise.

It is not easy to conjecture what success the Football League will have in its chase after the missing millions of spectators for, truly, the grind-of-the-mill programme between August 18 and May 1 next—apart altogether from Cup-ties and representative matches—offers soccer to the point of satiety and beyond.

The fact is that League football has got itself into a deep rut from which only a handful of such adventurers as Stanley Cullis, of Wolves, Matt Busby of Manchester United, and Leslie McDowell, of Manchester City, seem capable of rescuing it.

There will be considerable interest in Alec Stock's impact on the Second Division with Leyton Orient, and with Everton's reported innovation in training methods.

But all this hardly adds up to the renaissance in interest that an increasing number of clubs are praying for and unless there is a bolder approach to

the game these millions will continue to miss.

A GREAT CHANCE

There was a great chance for the League clubs to back their Management Committee's proposal for four divisions that would have given the game the blood transfusion needed.

But the diehards would have none of it and the plan is shelved in the meantime.

When I wrote of it before last season's League "Parliament" there were high hopes for it.

Out with the Old Guard! On with the New!—that was the slogan. The reactionary elements who, year after year, vote their dead-wood sides back into the tournament, for which they have been so often proved incompetent, quietened it to a murmur.

There will always be big crowds to see our own progressive clubs and our national sides against the classy Continentals. It is not from this field that the millions are

It it from the field governed by the masses of untrained dictatorial directors who can get little from their players but listless save-a-point performances.

From long experience of meeting with Soccer people, I can tell you that for every board-supported manager with his eyes firmly fixed on the sky, there are 20 patient drones whose job is to keep the costs down and the team away from the relegation zone.

Master tacticians like those I have mentioned—like Doncaster Rovers' Peter Doherty—don't do it. Where are the younger ones to follow them with bold, constructive ideas that will put a jerk into the great game?

You have heard and seen plenty of 41-year-old Cyril Washbrook at Leeds.

Isn't there something comforting in the fact that another 40-year-old, Stanley Matthews, constantly fit, constantly training, and constantly thinking Matthews—, is still No. 1 wherever he goes?

TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

Japan Seeks Trade And

LONDON MARKET

Oils Only
Stocks With
Strength

London, July 24. Stocks dawdled indecisively today on the London Stock Exchange today with strength in oils about the only feature.

Motor shares paid little attention to the British Motor Corp. strike. The company's shares were virtually unchanged on the day, while Ford and Rolls-Royce also showed little movement.

In the oils Royal Dutch met demand and ran ahead more than 1 sterling. Shell and Barmah added about three shillings while British Petroleum improved more than one.

De Havilland was a gainer on hopes of further demand for the aircraft company's Comet transports. Tobacco shares slipped back on rumours of a lower dividend announcement in the offing.

British Government bonds were generally quiet and closed with a sprinkling of small losses. War Loan dipped about 3/16 sterling. — United Press.

Red Trade
Pacts
Unprofitable

Djakarta, July 24. Trade officials at the Foreign Ministry today pointed out that trade with the Communists had turned out "to be unprofitable to Indonesia."

In pointing out the unfavourable trade balances with six Iron Curtain countries and Mexico, the trade officials said from now on the Government's new policy will be "to buy from and sell to these countries offering the most favourable conditions."

At the same time, they revealed that current trade agreements will be renewed "only if they have proven profitable to both sides."

Ministry sources disclosed that nearly all the trade agreements with Poland, Czechoslovakia, East Germany, Rumania, Hungary, Yugoslavia, Egypt and Mexico have been terminated.

At present a number of foreign trade representatives in Djakarta are busy negotiating new pacts. — United Press.

London Foreign
Exchange

London, July 24. New York 2/10 1/2-2/10 3/4. Montreal 2/10 1/2-2/10 3/4. Amsterdam 10/10 1/2-10/10 3/4. Copenhagen 10/10 1/2-10/10 3/4. Paris 2/10 1/2-2/10 3/4. Others were unchanged. — United Press.

New York Foreign
Exchange

New York, July 24. Canada 1/10 1/2-1/10 3/4. Europe 2/10 1/2-2/10 3/4. 30-day futures 2/10 1/2-2/10 3/4. 90-day futures 2/10 1/2-2/10 3/4. Australia 2/10 1/2-2/10 3/4. New Zealand 2/10 1/2-2/10 3/4. South Africa 2/10 1/2-2/10 3/4. Belgium 2/10 1/2-2/10 3/4. — United Press.

LONDON METAL
PRICES

London, July 24. Prices of metals closed today in sterling per long ton as follows:

	buyers	sellors
Tin spot	144	145
3-month	143	144
Copper spot	280 1/2	281 1/2
3-month	279 1/2	280 1/2
Lead spot	114 1/2	115 1/2
3-month	113 1/2	114 1/2
Zinc spot	111 1/2	112 1/2
3-month	110 1/2	111 1/2
Aluminum spot	111 1/2	112 1/2
3-month	110 1/2	111 1/2

— United Press.

Friends
NEW ASIAN NATIONS
BEING CULTIVATED

Tokyo, July 24.

A 27 per cent increase in Japanese exports last year shows that Japan is making a big come-back into the world's markets.

Businessmen, however, are not satisfied with their achievements in Southeast Asia, where they believe that Japan is lagging behind Western and Communist countries. One of the reasons for the reluctance of some Asian countries to buy from Japan is believed to be associated with their own growing nationalism.

To meet this, Japanese experts are trying to find a formula which would enable Japan's trade and investment plans to be accepted by these countries with more enthusiasm.

Memories Fading

Japanese travellers who have recently come home report that feeling towards Japan in Southeast Asian countries is changing for the better, especially since the conclusion of reparations agreements with Burma and the Philippines.

Memories of war are fading in this region, where Japanese capital and technique are said to be increasingly wanted.

Many Japanese businessmen and officials, however, warn against the danger of Japanese trade and investment plans being misunderstood by Southeast Asian as a revival of the wartime concept of the "East Asia Co-prosperity Sphere."

Mr. Tatsunaka Tokuaki, who is known to be an advocate of a plan for joint Japanese-American investment in Southeast Asian development, has temporarily withdrawn his support from a proposal for a government-controlled overseas investment agency in Japan. "In view of unfavourable foreign reaction,"

Mr. Osamu Itagaki, International Trade Director of the Japanese Ministry of Trade, said that establishment of organisations resembling the wartime North China Development Corporation or Central China Development Corporation was "entirely out of the question."

No Strings

Mr. Tetsuo Miyeda, director of the Daiichi Bussan Trading Company, affiliated with the Mitsui Interests, said: "Japanese economic proposals may easily be given a wrong interpretation in Southeast Asian countries, where nationalism is in the ascendency."

"As President Soekarno of Indonesia has declared, Southeast Asian reject foreign funds if strings are attached to them," Mr. Miyeda added.

He suggested that Japan should start by extending large long-term credits to these nations, to show that she has no other purpose than genuine economic co-operation.

West Germany is supplying them with credits repayable over as long as 13 years, while the Japanese Export-Import Bank finds difficulty under the present regulations in issuing credit repayable in more than five years.

Mr. Miyeda said that economic co-operation carried out on the basis of the credits would eventually pave the way for capital investments.

Two Forms

Mr. Takashi Murano, Deputy Research Director of the Bank of Tokyo, has proposed that Japan should make a close study of the types of nationalism which he said vary from country to country.

For instance, he said, nationalism had taken two different forms in India and Indonesia, because the latter almost entirely lacked indigenous capital while India could raise a certain amount of funds by itself.

Different approaches should be developed to deal with different types of nationalism, Mr. Miyeda added.

Some officials said that Japan could not act as a kind of "trust bank" for American aid funds, which she could use effectively because of her business and technical experience. But others wondered if Southeast Asian would accept such a plan, as joint Japanese-American investment funds are not favourably received in Manila.

HONGKONG
STOCK
EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately \$372,500. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

Shares	Buyers	Sellers	Sales
HSK Bank	1000		
INSURANCES			
Union	98 1/2	47	
Lombard	9 20	0 30	3000
Wheelock			0 30
DOCKS, ETC.			
K. Wharf	92 1/2	94	
HSK Dock	42	43	
President	14 50	14 80	
FOOT			
LAND, ETC.			
HSK Hotel	15 00	16	1000
HSK Land	98 1/2	99 1/2	500
Humphreys	20 20	20 60	500
			20 30
RUBBER			
Aniak	1 47 1/2	1 50 1/2	10000
			1 50
UTILITIES			
Tian	24 00	25	100
Star Ferry	141	142	
Yamato	113	116	
C. Light (O)	24 00	25 10	1500
C. Light (N)	22 30	23 00	
Electric	32 1/2	33 1/2	1000
			2000
Telephone	23 00	26	
(O)			
Telephone	24 00	25 20	41
(N)			900
			24 30
INDUSTRIALS			
Cement	37	37 1/2	250
			37 1/2
Rope	13		1000
			37 1/2
STORES, ETC.			
Dairy	10 00	10 70	75
			10 00
Watson	12 00	12 00	1000
Lab. Crawl			200
			22 00
COTTONS			
Textile	4 00	4 70	
Cotton			7 70
NANYANG			
INVESTMENTS			
Alfred	5 20	5 40	

WORLD
RUBBER
MARKETS

New York, July 24.

The No. 1 Rss futures contract today closed 150 points higher to four points lower on sales of 155 contracts.

The standard contract closed five to 10 points lower on sales of four contracts.

Closing prices

No. 1 Rss

	July	Sept	Dec
Standard contract	30 50	32 31	30 90
July	30 50		
Sept		31 35	
Dec			29 80
Mar			29 00
May			28 30
July			27 80

Futures prices on the whole were steady in line with unchanged prices at London. The Rss July contract, which expires on Friday, moved up 150 points. Spot No. 1 Rss was quoted nominally at 33 1/2 cents a pound.

Standard contract

July 30 50

Sept 32 31

Dec 30 90

July 30 50

Sept 31 35

Dec 29 80

Mar 29 00

May 28 30

July 27 80

Standard contract

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OUR AUSTRALIAN NEWSLETTER

While Skipper Menzies Is Away The Ship Of State Runs Into Some Shoals

FROM H. KING WOOD

Sydney, July 18.

With its chief pilot Robert Gordon Menzies careering about Europe and America, the Australian ship of state has run into a number of shoals lately, and its officers have not been an exactly happy crew.

Minister for defence production Sir Eric Harrison gave the ship the wrong course, when he announced plans to retrain 157 workers at the Lithgow small arms factory.

The factory announced the dismissals because of retrenching for production of the new Belgian FN 30 rifle.

It said that 111 dismissals would be issued by July 20 and that 157 employees would be dismissed by the end of the year.

Sir Eric Harrison said then that he had directed that employees should be laid off in the order of women first, then New Australians, then single Australian men.

STORM BURSTS

Then the storm burst, as immigration chief H.E. Holt, guardian angel of New Australians, rushed to their defence, and let the Australian people know that he would not stand for any discrimination.

Mr Holt is known to have been extremely upset at Sir Eric's announcement that New Australian employees would be dismissed before Australian born male employees.

Sir Eric's announcement conflicted with Mr Holt's policy over the last five years that New Australians were to have equal rights with Australian born.

Mr Holt is believed to have pointed out strongly that a principle of discrimination against New Australians would be at variance with the whole aim of the assimilation programme and the promises of migrants of equal treatment.

So Sir Eric Harrison changed course until the wheel swung round to a new course of "will be no discrimination between Australian born and New Australians in dismissals".

The Minister said the order of discharge of "last-in-first-out" would apply and henceforth this principle would be uniform Government practice.

Sir Eric said that after a further close survey he had been able to re-adjust the manufacturing programme of the Department of Defence Production.

In doing so it would now be possible to find additional work in Lithgow and so avoid the dismissal of semi-skilled and unskilled male labour.

"The immediate retrenchment will be confined to 41 females who began work at the factory after March, 1955, and, at the time of their engagement, were advised that their employment was temporary and for a short term only," Sir Eric said.

Orders of discharge of employees on wages in the various Government departments have not been uniform and have led to conflicting practices.

"Should it be necessary later to retrench at Lithgow or any other Government manufacturing establishment department or agency, there will be no discrimination between New Australians and Australian-born."

"The order of discharge will be last-in, first-out, having regard to whether such persons are married or single. This henceforth will be uniform Government practice."

Union officials in Lithgow tonight expressed satisfaction at the Minister's announcement. But between ourselves the women are far from happy.

NEXT MISTAKE

Then the next mistake was the decision of the Federal Government to give the churches in Canberra the interest they incur in building denominational schools.

This offer and up to five percent on building loans to a maximum of £500,000 would cost the Commonwealth £25,000.

The Protestant church leaders, asked for time to consider the matter, and then turned it down. But the Roman Catholic Bishop immediately accepted and touched off a storm of protests, for it was apparent that as the Roman Catholics had the great number of private schools, they would secure the greatest benefits.

In the past, the Roman Catholic leaders in Australia have persistently tried to have their schools subsidised by government, but have been regularly repulsed.

Even the Labour Party which years ago had strong backing from them, would not grant them aid. That a Liberal Government should bow the

knee came as a staggering surprise. What is the real story behind this change, a change that has caused anger and distrust throughout Australia? As one cynic sees it, "Is this the pay off for services rendered?"

VOTERS SWING

For some time now, there has been a definite swing from Labour to Liberalism by Roman Catholic voters. This drift has been evident in recent elections and referendums.

A surprising feature of the whole affair was that the decision was made months ago but was kept secret by Cabinet Ministers. Government backbenchers knew nothing of the matter, but of course that is nothing new.

Prime Minister Menzies was behind the proposal, but left for his overseas visit before it was introduced. Some of his Scotch followers are likely to ask him some pertinent questions when he returns.

Menzies himself is a very devout politician, and he has wooed the Roman Catholics openly.

There was the omission of Defender of the Faith from the Australian birth, certainly it was rectified but only after a strong protest.

Then the delicate service of the colours for the forces has been changed.

HIS BEST OFFER

But his latest offer is the finest he has given to his newly found allies.

There, however, may be a constitutional bar to the whole matter. The Professor of Law at the Australian National University, Professor G. Sawyer, considers that any Federal financial aid to Church schools might be unconstitutional.

He said Section 116 of the Constitution said that "the Commonwealth shall not make any law for establishing any religion."

This section had been copied from the U.S. Constitution and it had been interpreted there as prohibiting direct grants from the Government to Church schools.

A prominent Government backbencher, Professor F. A. Bland, urged the Federal Government to drop its offer until the rank and file of the Government parties have discussed the matter.

He said, "Everyone is aware of the highly controversial character of all proposals for State aid to denominational schools. This matter is not merely one for executive or administrative action, but it touches the foundations of political life in the Commonwealth."

Professor Bland has always shown the spirit and determination to oppose any Government decision which he considered not in the least interest or against the constitution of the Commonwealth.

VERY ANGRY

The Acting Prime Minister and Treasurer Sir Arthur Fadden, is angry, very angry at Federal Departments seeking authority to spend millions more in 1956-57 than in the financial year just ended.

The demands run counter to the government's policy of pruning expenditures. Estimates for most departmental expenditure in last year's Budget were already in excess of the previous year's figures.

WATER STORAGE

The Colony's reservoirs lost nine million gallons of water in the 24-hour period ending at 9 o'clock this morning, when the total storage was 2,600 million gallons.

Consumption yesterday amounted to 36 million gallons and the yield from streams and catchwaters was 27 million gallons. No rainfall was registered by the Water Authority.

Graduation Day

Tung Wah Primary Schools

Hundreds of cheerful pupils and their parents attended the joint graduation ceremony of the Tung Wah Hospitals Primary Schools at King's Theatre this morning.

At present there are 3,692 pupils in six free schools under the sponsorship of the Tung Wah; and the number is expected to increase to 5,000 when the well-equipped Shaikwan School is completed in September. It was revealed at the ceremony.

A total of 170 pupils graduated from Primary VI and 302 graduated from Primary IV. They received their certificates from Mrs Hawkins, wife of the Hon. B. C. K. Hawkins, Secretary for Chinese Affairs. Prizes were also distributed by Mrs Hawkins to other successful scholars.

IMPRESSED

The Hon. B. C. K. Hawkins said he was very much impressed by the drill and gymnastic display which he saw on their annual sports day. He congratulated both pupils and teachers on the excellent way they were making of their opportunities.

He also mentioned that the schools had produced very good examination results all round and particularly among those graduating from Primary VI; 170 passes and only ten failures was a very good record and set a fine example to those who come after.

Mr P. T. Loong, the Chairman, declared that the "current" Board of Directors are dedicated to the welfare of the community, especially in their team of education.

NEW SCHOOLS PLAN

He said: "Our Board has further applied to the Education Department for Government grant for a site for another new building in the Wanhsai district to house our existing Nos 3 and 4 schools which will be merged, and in hand. A drive will soon be launched to raise the necessary building fund and we are confident that we shall have the sympathy and support of the community for this charitable venture to help crown it with success."

Young Miss Chang Ho-ye of Kowloon Primary (P.M.) School of Tung Wah representing the graduates, made a short speech of thanks both in English and Chinese.

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SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"I'm going down and get breakfast—it's Sunday, so you can sleep longer if you want!"

Books Can Be Used As Evidence Rules Judge

A ruling that the contents of two account books were admissible as evidence was made by Judge K. R. Macfee this morning at the conspiracy and corruption trial at the Victoria District Court.

The books belonged to the Shun Hing Construction Co., of which first accused, Chau Chung-sang, 38, was described as managing partner.

The other two accused are Major Donald Peachey, 47, and Capt. Harry Curtis, 40, both of the Royal Engineers.

The question of admissibility was raised during the evidence of Pun Po-chung, a clerk employed in the construction firm. The books were produced at yesterday's hearing.

This morning, Mr John Hobbey, Crown Counsel, submitted that the books were in the possession of the first accused at various times and under his supervision, and the contents could therefore be used as evidence against him.

It was pointed out that the evidence had been that these books were brought to Chau's home by the witness from time to time for Chau to look through them, and their contents must have been within his knowledge.

Mr Patrick Yau, representing Chau, submitted that the entries were not admissible, being hearsay and secondary evidence at this stage. The books were seized from a firm where there were two "bosses."

The entries, he went on, were made mostly on the instructions of the other man and the first accused. Although the clerk had testified that he brought the books to Chau's residence for him to see them, there was no evidence whatsoever that he did go through the entries.

Mr Yau asked the Court how entries made on the instructions of another man could be used as evidence against his client.

He submitted that one could not use every particular item or document that was found in an office against a man simply because that man was a manager of the office, unless it was shown that he had actually looked at that item or document.

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Narcotics Trial

Accused Bought Chemicals, Evidence

The two accused in a narcotics case at the Criminal Session this morning were identified as buyers of a quantity of chemicals which a Government chemist said could be used in the manufacture of heroin.

The accused before Mr Justice J. Reynolds and a Jury of five men and two women are Yu Mau-cheong, 42, and Cheng Sze-lai, 54, unemployed, charged with possession of 9.87 lbs. of heroin and with the manufacture of heroin.

It was alleged that the heroin and a number of articles said to be used in the manufacture of the drug were found in the flat at 11 Po On Street, third floor, Shamshuipo, where the accused were arrested on May 11.

Mr Stewart Collier, Crown Counsel, is prosecuting. The two men are defended by Mr Victor Gittins, instructed by Mr F. H. B. Wong of Messrs C. Y. Kwan and Company.

PURCHASES MADE

The owner of the Eurasia Medicine Shop, of 106 Des Voeux Road Central, Liu Kim-lui, said that in September, 1955 the two accused ordered chemicals from his shop. They spoke Cantonese with a Shanghai accent. Sometimes they would order ammonia, sometimes sodium carbonate or acetic anhydride. These were the three main items, but they sometimes ordered filter paper.

Liu said that on May 10, this year, the first accused went to his shop, and ordered five pounds of acetic anhydride, two pounds of ammonia, 20 sheets of filter paper, and two pounds of hydrochloric acid. He had all the items in his shop except acetic anhydride so he sent an employee to get that from wholesalers.

A week later he picked out the first accused at an identification parade at the Police Station as the man who made those purchases.

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Following my review of the Elvis Presley LP record last week a comment reached me. It said that Mr Presley was most certainly a very popular artist in America and is most certainly selling well. It appears that the comment was inspired by the fact that I said this particular character was "the rage in America, it seems."

I have since looked up a few charts and tables and can now state that Mr Presley is most definitely the rage. He has the distinction of being the man who has most in the top twenty best selling records list. His LP, reviewed last week, is the best selling LP in the States.

Everywhere people are paying money to own records made by this young man.

I therefore take off my hat to Elvis. Not, mark you, because I did him an injustice. I take off my hat to him as I would to any man who can make the money he is making through the simple device of exploiting the public's weakness for something that is now. Good or bad, it doesn't seem to matter just so long as it is new. Presley is that. My opinion of his singing remains the same as expressed in this column last week.

"SATCHMO'S" TOUR

The Armstrong tour took "Satchmo" to many places. In Germany he found a tune. The great jazz man who now seems content to live more on his name than his music, was attracted by a melody he heard during his concert tour of Germany. The melody was "Es War Einmal Ein Treuer Rueser" and what that means I just couldn't tell you.

The melody must be rather good because Louis picked it up and started to play it and he only he could.

Now it has been reported that will be available to those who want to hear Armstrong. Whether he sings it in German or not I couldn't say. In any case his music would be very little different. It is becoming hard enough to understand the old man when he sings English lyrics.

RECORD REVIEW

There are certain types of music always in the public's favour. One of these is the languorous strains of Hawaiian guitars, with the occasional lyrics in a completely unintelligible tongue. If this is to your liking then I recommend a Capitol 12" LP called "Hawaii Calls".

This disc contains music recorded in the Moana Hotel on Waikiki Beach and it couldn't sound more real.

The instruments include the usual guitars and, just occasionally, an unfamiliar note or two creeps in. This comes from the Hawaiian flute. There is also a ukulele. The entire programme on this record was arranged and is presented by Wexley Edwards. Mr Edwards obviously knows his Hawaiian music. After all he presents a radio show in such music as this from the radio station in Hawaii. Once a week this show is aired and it is heard in a lot of places. Strictly a record for those who like this kind of thing. "Hawaii Calls"—Capitol—one 12" LP—Cap. T 715.

"Music from the Show"—Bill McGuire is a pianist who seems to have mastered the instrument completely. I have heard some wonderful jazz records in which Bill is the pianist. On his latest Philips release he plays to almost any audience and brings a wonderful selection of the catchiest tunes from the most recent Broadway musical successes. With Jack Collier on bass and Jack Cummings on drums this versatile pianist goes to town in a pleasantly different way with such familiar melodies as "Stranger in Paradise", "Hey There", "People Will Say We're in Love", "Sure With the Fringe on Top" and "And This is My Beloved". The show's repertoire also includes "Oklahoma!", "South Pacific", "Annie Get Your Gun", "Kiss Me Kate", "The King and I" and "Carousel" among others.

The music is very easy to listen to and is recommended for those who like a quick treat to a musical background and to restaurants who have a record player instead of a pianist. Philips—one 12" LP—SL10711.

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